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Letter To The Editor

Route 2
Gladstone, Virginia 24553
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Editor
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va. 24522
Dear Sir:

On January 23, 1979 petitions were circulated throughout our county strongly urging the hunters and sportsmen to sign, thereby, requesting the Virginia State Game and Inland Fishery Commission to close doe season in Appomattox County in the 1979-80 hunting season.

From one who has been educated in social behavior, it is good to see constructive father-son relationships built on what nature offers them instead of the material goods which the American system continues to stress. Thanks goes to whose "who gave a hoot" for it may be by their signatures that deer will survive for another generation of children to participate in the heritage of deer hunting passed on to us by our ancestors.

Sincerely,
Richard Lee Martin

BECKHAM

March 5 - Edward Moore was honored on his 3rd birthday at his home with a cake, ice cream and many gifts, present were Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mrs. Cornelious Moore, Rhonda and Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

Supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Gertrude Burge, Mr. Ricky Burge, Mrs. Judy Jamerson, Shannon Jamerson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tweedy, Michelle and Tracy.

Mr. L. E. Martin had the misfortune to step on a nail recently. Mr. Gibbs Martin and Mr. Carl Martin visited him Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Clyde Moore visited Mr. H. O. Martin and Mr. Emory Martin several days last week.

Mr. Alfred Moore visited Mr. Watt Moore recently.

Mr. Abner Martin and Mrs. Dorothy Martin were honored with a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Martin of Concord Saturday night, present were Mrs. O. W. Martin Sr., Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Jutson Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. Abner Martin, Rev. Randolph Martin, Brian Martin, Shawn Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blanks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard and Kim, Mr. Charles Martin, Miss Dianne Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Woodford, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, Lisa and Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Morris, Susan and Amy, Mr. Jerry May, Miss Carolyn Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Martin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and Melanie.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., A. C. Martin, Michael Martin and Edward Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Flecher Burge Jr. were supper guest in this home.

Mrs. Judy Jamerson and Shannon spent the week end with Mrs. Gertrude Burge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Gertrude Burge and Mrs. Charles Tweedy were Sunday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loving of Amherst.

Jeff Martin had the misfortune to break his arm in a motorcycle accident Friday.

Jennifer Schmutz spent the week end with Monica Stratton.

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The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

UNITY IN THE CHURCH

Background Scriptures: I Corinthians 1:10-15; 3:10-23

I appeal to you . . . in the name of Christ Jesus, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same judgment.

The Destructiveness of Division

Everybody loses when a church is divided within itself. When I was a teenager, I attended a church that was broken and divided in spirit. In time the church split and a portion of the members left and began meeting in an old movie theatre. My Sunday School class was held next to the popcorn machine. It was kind of neat having leftover popcorn to eat while listening to the Sunday School lesson!

From the old theatre we moved to an old house. In time we finally moved into a "real church" building. But problems persisted until the church divided again. This time we merged with another church, which had its problems also. Such a history of divisions has left a great many scars.

Divisions within the church at Corinth was a focal concern for Paul. He gets right at the heart of the matter by asking, "Is Christ divided?" Paul is aware, and we are too, that a divided church body cannot reflect the body of Christ. A divided church cannot possibly function and do what Christ intended for it to do.

And a church loses its perspective when its people invest themselves in a person rather than in the Person. Paul cautioned the Christians in Corinth that they should be united in the same mind and judgment.

Get Wise! Get Wise

Paul then shifts gears to talk about the "wisdom of the world." Our society is not unlike the society in which the Corinthian church existed. There is a smorgasboard of cults, life perspectives, and philosophies, which create confusion for many people, particularly young people. It doesn't require too much persuasion to move some persons to forsake the tried and proven roads for another that may lead to a bad end.

Paul then goes on to point out that he proclaimed a message of foolishness, namely, the foolishness of God, which is the Gospel of Christ and the Cross. Of course, Paul asserts that this "foolishness" is only foolish to those who refuse to see. Some people have trouble embracing the obvious. It's a matter of God taking the obvious and confounding the minds of the wise. So, he who will not see is the same as if he had no eyes.

What does it take to experience the love and acceptance of God? Well, it requires more than wisdom; it requires faith to aunderstand the foolishness of the Cross.

The Perfect Foundation

Paul ties his argument up with the Corinthian Christians by pointing to Christ as the true and perfect foundation of the church. Leadership within the church is of necessity, but all human leadership draws its authority and impetus from Chist. Christian leadership always builds upon the foundation already laid by Christ.

Paul is teaching us an important principle to live by in the church, namely, loyalty is directed at Christ Jesus first and foremost. It is important to support the leadership of the church. A pastor cannot function nor lead without the support of the people, but the pastor actually takes a back seat to Christ. No human, however clever or sophisticated, can take the place of Christ and his authority over the church.

Paul also describes the church as God's Temple in the sense that it belongs to God. Therefore, to be guilty of dividing a church and destroying its spirit is to bring dishonor on the church.

Paul sums us this portion of his letter by returning once again to the themes of worldly wisdom and divided loyalty. In a sense he says to them, "Make no one your hero except Christ Jesus."

(Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Virginia.)

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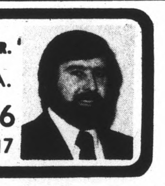
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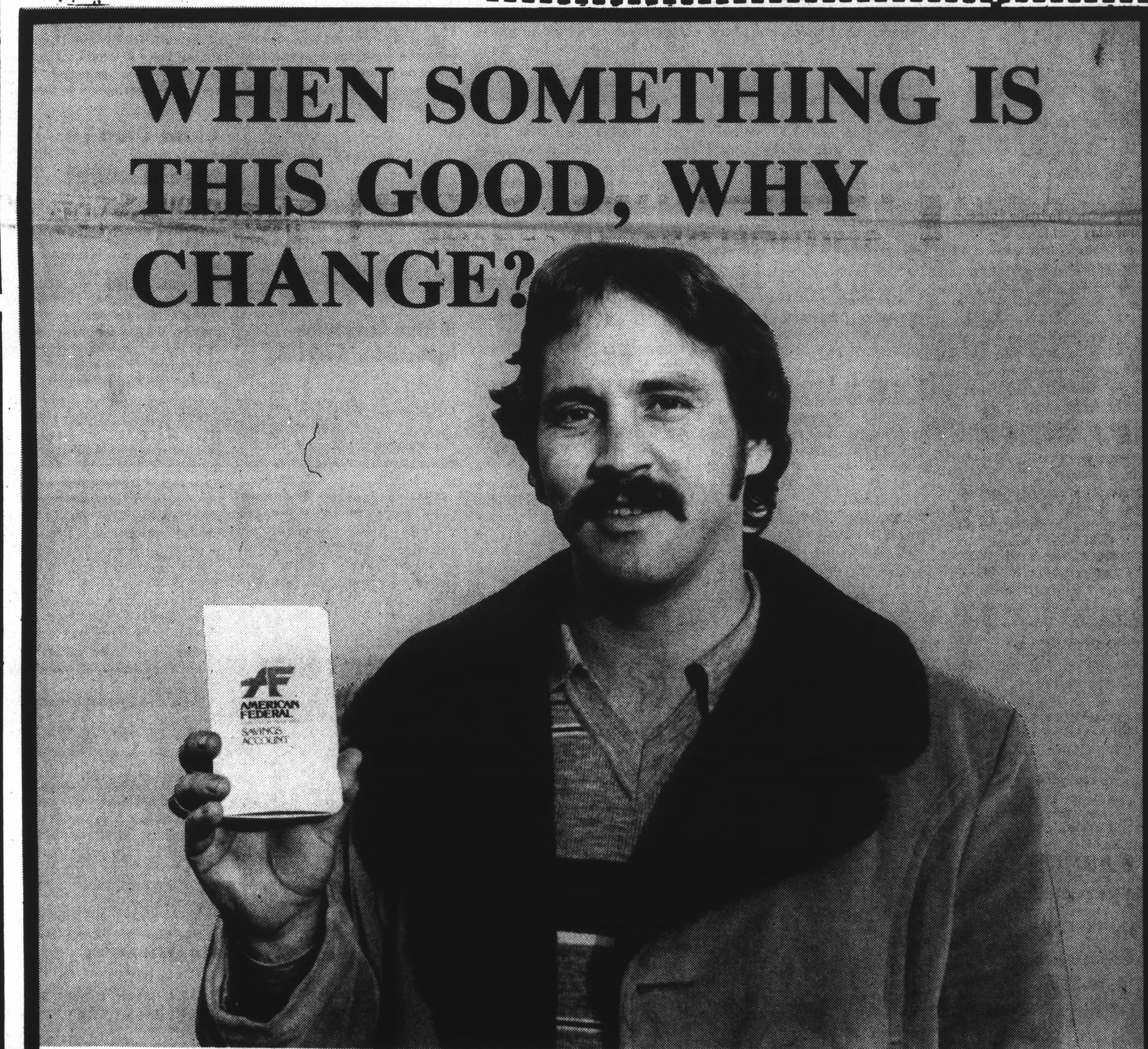

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ROCKS

March 4 - Glad to see warmer weather here last week. Maybe spring is not too far.

Nine from Rocks attended the Group I attended the mission study class at Spring Creek church on Monday night. The program was very interesting and well presented.

Our sympathy goes out to the Patterson's in Farmville who had such a tragedy in their family on Monday of last week.

Youth Sunday is March 18th at Rocks. The youth will have charge of all the services that day. A play will be given by the youth at 7 p.m. Plan now to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Routt celebrated their wedding anniversary on Thursday.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Eugene Davis of Lynchburg who fell at her home Thursday and broke her arm in two places. She entered Lynchburg General Hospital. They operated and put her arm in a cast. She came home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Wilcox of Roanoke accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ranson to spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Stroke Burks of Kingsport, Tennessee.

The business meeting will be delayed one week at Rocks due to the mission emphasis on Wednesday night. Come on out and support the week of prayer. Let's go over the top again this year.

The study of the book of Mark had its last session Sunday night. It was a good study and the pastor put much time in preparing this and had so much to share. You missed a blessing by not attending this study.

The GA's attended the mission study class at Evergreen on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Ruby Almond furnished the music for the funeral of George Tolley at Piney Ridge Church on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ranson and her mother of Farmville called to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ranson on Thursday night.

The Rocks Extension Homemakers Club had their March meeting with Christine Ranson on Thursday night.

Mrs. Mary Ranson went to Charlottesville on Wednesday for a check up.

Bob Martin went to the doctor on Friday.

Mrs. Carrie Richardson and Mrs. Gladys Harvey were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson, Ronnie and Mike Sunday.

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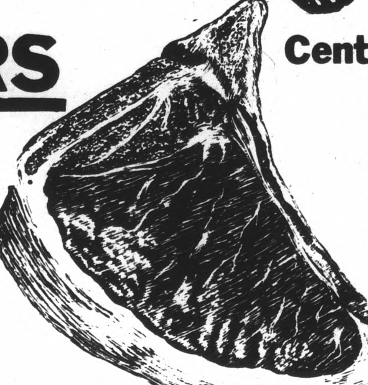
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